

Garden Shelf Keeps Small Items Handy

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Here is a good rule of gardening—move any plant, any time of year if you consider the plant as being delicate as a soufflé.

An appropriate location should be selected, a larger hole than needed should be prepared, and, on hand, good humus to tuck around the transplant. Tamping firmly around the roots is important, and your feet will do the job best.

Leave the surface with a small hollow to receive abundant watering every day as long as needed. If it is warm weather and the plant is small enough, keep it under a box for three or four days. This is a good moment to talk about that important garden shelf. It is a good idea to have an area devoted to garden supplies and then when needed in a hurry you will not have to hunt for an item.

BESIDE HORMONE powder to prevent will you want bone meal for the feeding of bulbous plants, iris, lilies, spring bulbs). There should be a spray with an oil base to use on scale infestations when the leaves are off plants. Liliacs are always a likely candidate for treatment.

If you have roses you will want either a dust or a liquid spray to use on them. An all-purpose powder spray in a cardboard cartridge will be so easy to grab for instant application on any plant in trouble.

ROOTONE comes in a jar and on ivy, euonymus, and cuttings of all kinds and assures a very high percentage of growth. It is fun to use your jack knife on ivy, euonymus, and cuttings of all perennials, including roses, and try your luck at initial plant

color fir. It takes heat and drought so if your water supply is limited in the summer have no fear. The entire tree has a bluish cast. As an alternative for an evergreen there is the douglas fir. It has a deep green color and can stand some shade, even keeping its branches if it is crowded. Your writer is inclined to chuckle when the program of the nation ally known Ralph Bailey was given at the Williamsburg symposium. All of the time I was listening for practical information I could pass on to you. The number one on my list is, how to rid a lawn of moles. It seems they dislike old fish heads so I stuff the runs with them and the problem is over. "THE GARDEN has joined the family" was Bailey's theme and it

is surely true when you visit our local gardens. Landscaping to give a three dimensional effect and the cut leaf maple was emphasized as being very important in a choice. The planning of retreats within the garden design with its accent statuary invites relaxation and rest. This style is exemplified in the garden design of the Lewis Dillards on Lincoln road where they have established a series of "rooms" like the interior of a home.

Stephens Alumnae Meeting at Inn

The monthly meeting of the Stephens college alumnae will be at the Fox and Hounds Inn on April 19 at 6:30 p.m. Any alumna wishing to make reservation may call Mrs. Barney Bannan, on Ardmore in Bloomfield village. Society deadline is 3 p.m. each Tuesday.

Have You Met

The Erwin Webers, who moved to 17181 Appletree in February? Weber is on the engineering staff of Ford Motor Co., working in the administrative department of the scientific laboratory. He belongs to Delta Tau Delta fraternity, was in the class of 1948 at Albion college. Hobbies for the couple, who lived formerly in Ecree and Allen Park, are painting murals, in oils of mainly landscape subjects, and some watercolors.

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